

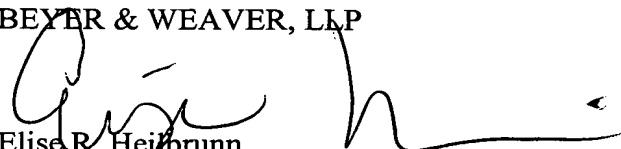
REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 5-13, 26, and 28-38 under 35 USC §102. In addition, the Examiner has objected to claims 3, 4, 14-25, and 27, indicating that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been amended accordingly. Specifically, claims 3, 4, 14-25, and 27 have been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, claim 26 has been amended to depend on claim 25, and is therefore allowable. Claim 37 has been amended corresponding to allowable method claim 3. Claims 5, 29, 33, and 36 each recite a limitation substantially similar to that present in allowable claim 25. In addition, new claims 39-42 have been added, which depend from claims 5, 29, 33, and 36, respectively, and recite a limitation substantially similar to that present in allowable claim 26. The dependent claims are dependent upon one of the allowable independent claims. In addition, the dependent claims recite additional limitations that are not further discussed, since the limitations of the base claims are clearly sufficient to distinguish the claims from the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-31 and 33-42 are allowable. Claims 1-42 are now pending.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. CISCP149).

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